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# H. R. 4826

To require the Federal Trade Commission to conduct a study regarding social media use by teenagers.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 24, 2023

Mr. BENTZ (for himself, Ms. MACE, Mr. BAIRD, and Mr. SANTOS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Safe Social Media  
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORT BY THE FTC ON SOCIAL MEDIA USE BY**  
7 **TEENAGERS.**

8 The Federal Trade Commission, in coordination with  
9 the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-  
10 vention, shall—

1           (1) conduct a study on social media platform  
2 use among individuals younger than age 18, includ-  
3 ing—

4           (A) what personal information is collected  
5 by social media platforms regarding such indi-  
6 viduals;

7           (B) how such personal information is used  
8 by the algorithms of the social media platforms;

9           (C) how often such individuals use social  
10 media platforms daily;

11           (D) differences in use of social media plat-  
12 forms related to the age ranges of such individ-  
13 uals;

14           (E) mental health effects on such individ-  
15 uals linked to the use of social media platforms;  
16 and

17           (F) potential harmful effects on such indi-  
18 viduals from extended social media platform  
19 use; and

20           (2) not later than 1 year after the date of en-  
21 actment of this Act, submit to Congress a report on  
22 the findings of the study under paragraph (1), in-  
23 cluding any recommended policy changes based on  
24 such findings.

1 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION OF SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM.**

2       In this Act, the term “social media platform” means  
3 a public-facing website, internet application, or mobile  
4 internet application, including a social network, video  
5 sharing service, ad network, mobile operating system,  
6 search engine, email service, or internet access service,  
7 that has not less than 30,000,000 active monthly users  
8 in the United States.

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